

Sample Poorly Done Book Report (turn on review “show markup”)

Bob

Book Report 19

Book Report on “*The Little Prince*”

Characters: The guy that does the talkin is a pilot and he was six years old and did some drawings. The little prince is like an alien from a asteroid. There is some talking animals and stuff.

Setting: It happens in the desert and in space and all over the world and stuff.

Theme: The book is about a guy who crashes and he meets a boy and they talk.

Paragraphs:

1. There is a snake in the novel and the snake bites the boy at the end so he goes back to his asteroid with the sheep and the rose. But it only has a little part, so it’s not very important.

2. In the book they talk about a lot of every day stuff like when kids draw pictures and when people do jobs. There is a king in the book and I never thought about being a king. Also, the pilot says that geography is important for his job but I don’t get it. And there’s weird stories like about seeds for a tree that can crack apart a planet. I sure hope that’s not a real tree. So I thought about some stuff I never thought about before.

Comment [EC1]: The directions for book reports are pretty clear that your name, block and date belong here. There are things missing.

Comment [EC2]: Again, the instructions ask you to have the title of your book as the heading of the report, and to include the name of the author (and proper underlining OR italics). Bob here is having problems!

Comment [EC3]: Oh, dear. Each sentence (or two) that describes a character should include PHYSICAL and PERSONALITY description. Bob falls short. Also, there are spelling, grammar and sentence errors here! Make sure you proofread your work!

Comment [EC4]: Setting talks about TIME and PLACE. Which desert? In what year?

Comment [EC5]: Remember, theme is what the author wants you to learn from the story. What is (one of) the lesson(s) in the book? This isn’t it, Bob!

Comment [EC6]: While you don’t have to write out the question, you do have to tell your reader what you’re talking about. “Topic A” instead of “1.” Would have been helpful.

How good is this paragraph? What mark would you give it out of 30 on the rubric? Yeah. Not a pass.

Comment [EC7]: As poorly written as this paragraph is, it is actually MUCH BETTER than the first one. Still not good enough to pass, though.